

WELLESLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose

The Wellesley Housing Authority provides income-based rental units to the elderly, disabled, and families. The Authority administers federal and state housing programs under the oversight of a five-member Board of Commissioners all of whom are residents of Wellesley. Four Commissioners are elected by the Town and one Commissioner is appointed by the Governor. The current Board is: Bradley Boyd, Ann Adams, Gary McCabe, (State Appointee), John Schuler and Jeremy Bento.

The Authority operates affordable housing for the elderly, disabled, and families including 133 one-bedroom apartments for senior citizens over age 60 and disabled individuals of any age, eighty-eight units of Veterans' family housing, and twelve units of State family housing. The Authority also manages one state MRVP subsidy and is assigned eleven federal Section 8 Vouchers.

The Needham Housing Authority continues to provide staffing and management services to the Wellesley Housing Authority pursuant to a two-year management agreement and with the oversight of the Wellesley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The Needham Housing Authority employs eight administrative employees and six maintenance employees. The Wellesley Housing Authority employs one administrative employee and an additional four maintenance employees.

Budgetary Data

The Wellesley Housing Authority maintains separate budgets for each program it administers and is not part of the Town's budget. The majority of the Authority's funding is derived from rent collected from its tenants and a portion is funded by the state Department of Housing and Community Development and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Authority's annual budget is public record and is available for review in its office.

FY 2005 Highlights

The Needham Housing Authority continues to manage the Wellesley Housing Authority under a two-year management agreement that expired at the end of 2005. The relationship is proving to be beneficial to both agencies and has been extremely successful to date. The arrangement began after the Wellesley Housing Authority suffered management problems and required emergency staffing in January 2003. The partnership has existed for more than two years now and both agencies have been able to successfully share resources and improve efficiency and services.

FY 2006 Forecast

The Wellesley Housing Authority is continuing its commitment to residents by encouraging strong tenant representation and striving to improve communication between residents and staff. Anyone interested in obtaining an application or additional information about the Wellesley Housing Authority is encouraged to stop by the office at 109 Barton Road or to call (781) 235-0223.